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**Minutes  
Coastal Carolina University  
Board of Trustees**

**Government Affairs Committee  
E. Craig Wall Jr., Board Room  
July 18, 2013**

<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Dr. Larry L. Biddle, Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Ms. Natasha M. Hanna and Mr. William L. Lyles Jr.
<b>Committee Members Not Present:</b>	Mr. Daniel W. R. Moore Sr.
<b>Other Board Members Present:</b>	Mr. William S. Biggs, Mr. D. Wyatt Henderson, Mr. Carlos C. Johnson, Mr. Marion B. Lee, Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Mr. George E. Mullen, Dr. Oran P. Smith, Mr. Eugene C. Spivey, Dr. Samuel J. Swad and Mr. William E. Turner III
<b>Others Present:</b>	Ms. Carolyn Bender, Ms. Stacie A. Bowie, Dr. J. Ralph Byington, Dr. David A. DeCenzo, Mr. Edgar L. Dyer, Ms. Martha S. Hunn, Dr. Keshav Jagannathan, Dr. Jeffery P. Linder, Dr. Steven J. Madden, Mr. Timothy E. Meacham, Mr. Kevin P. Olivett, Ms. Jennifer Packard, Mr. William W. Plate Jr., Mr. Mark A. Roach, Ms. Sharon A. Sluys, Ms. Chyrel Stalvey and Mr. Gregory W. Thornburg

(In accordance with the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, the news media were notified of the time, location, and agenda for the meeting.)

Chairman Larry Lyles brought the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Larry Biddle moved to approve the Government Affairs Committee minutes of May 9, 2013, with the correction of CERRA which is misspelled in the fourth paragraph. Sam Frink seconded and the motion carried.

David DeCenzo said the administration is compiling legislative directives to see where we go. Student loan rates are being closely monitored. In Columbia, the perception is that Coastal Carolina University does not need additional money because tuition wasn't raised. We are using our money the way the state has asked us to. It is hoped that as Governor Nikki Haley goes forward with her plans for accountability based funding our money will be more equitable.

Edgar Dyer expressed appreciation to the S.C. Department of Transportation for their concern for the safety of our students. The traffic signal at the back gate entrance on Highway 501 has been expedited and will be working next week. Also, final approval has been given for a traffic light across from Blanton Park on University Boulevard to accommodate the new parking lot. This will take six to eight months.

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Dyer stated that the Washington lobbyists are giving monthly updates on their progress and Mark Kelley is working with them.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chyrel Stalvey  
for Larry L. Biddle  
Secretary/Treasurer